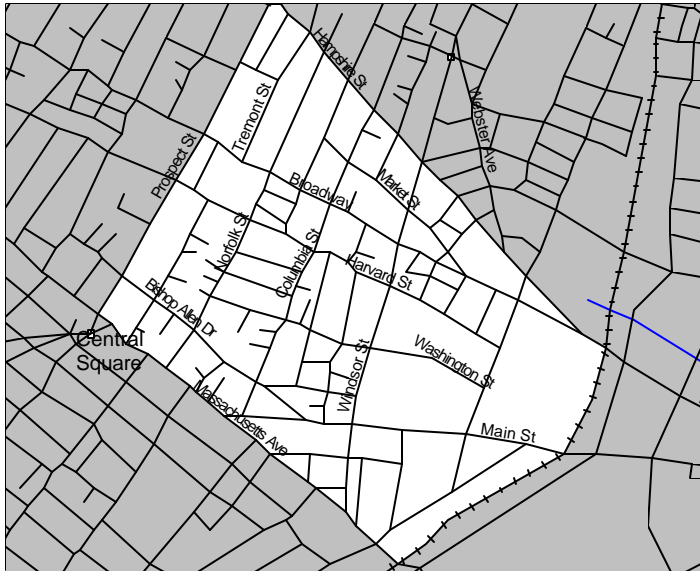
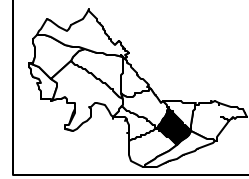


NEIGHBORHOOD 4

AREA 4



BOUNDARIES: bounded the B&A Railroad, Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Hampshire Street

POPULATION: 6,560 residents
2,523 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$24,665

Neighborhood #4 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers), and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 4A, 4B, and 4C, and parts of Central square walking route 10X.

2001 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

There were two **drug arrests** this quarter in Area 4, which is a 50% decrease from this time in the year 2000. • Two of the **housebreaks** in Area 4 resulted in arrests. Two males were arrested after CPD saw them coming out an apartment was not theirs. The other arrest was of one male who was still in the apartment at the time of the arrest. • **Street robberies** have declined by 14% but still remain an occasional problem. Although there were four armed robberies, only one of them actually had a weapon shown. Almost all of the robberies are after dark, in the later evening hours. • **Auto thefts** from the parking lots around Bishop Allen Drive are a common problem; fortunately most of the stolen cars are recovered. • **Malicious destruction** increased significant, though no patterns were identified. Many are revenge incidents committed by acquaintances and ex-romantic partners. • There were no specific targeted items for the 39 **larcenies from MVs**, although the increase from this time last year has more than tripled. This could be attributed to people leaving their car doors unlocked and/or leaving valuable items out in the open, apparent to perpetrators' eyes.

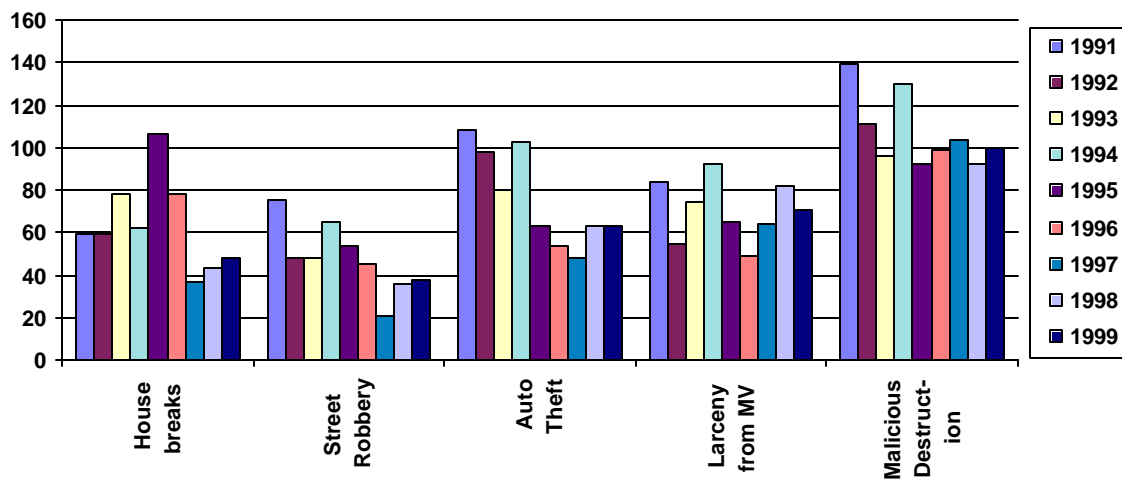
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	1st Q 2000	1st Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	9	15	+67%
Street Robbery	7	6	-14%
Auto Theft	15	17	+13%
Larceny from MVs	7	39	+314%
Malicious Destruction	30	24	+20%
Drug Arrests	4	2	-50%

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Area 4 has a primarily residential population (slightly less than average for the city's neighborhoods) along with a series of commercial establishments along Massachusetts Avenue. It is characterized by two and three family houses, large apartment buildings, and two public housing developments (Newtowne Court and Washington Elms).

- The highest levels of street robbery and drug arrests have historically plagued area 4. Street robbery generally occurs after 9:00 P.M. on weekends. Many of these incidents are located in or near Central Square—a “hot spot” because of its high pedestrian traffic, its MBTA subway stop, and its proximity to the Cambridgeport bars. Other hot spots for both crimes include Bishop Allen Drive, Washington Street, Harvard Street, Windsor Street, and Broadway. In recent years, community crime watches, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and the Cambridge Police Special Investigations Unit have succeeded in dispersing many of the drug incidents away from the residential areas.
- Housebreaks** are higher than average in Area 4. The neighborhood is a target because of its densely packed residential population. The Crime Analysis Unit generally identifies two or three patterns a year that sweep both Mid-Cambridge and Area 4.
- Automobile related crimes such as **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** are average to slightly higher than average for a neighborhood of Area 4's population. All three crimes, however, have registered general decreases since the 1980s.
- Sennott Park, at night, has experienced problems with drug use, assault, and bicycle theft. Cambridge Police “Park and Walks” in the area have helped abate these crimes.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES

<i>Crime</i>	<i>1981 - 1990</i>	<i>Rank 81-90*</i>	<i>1991 - 1999</i>	<i>Rank 91-99*</i>	<i>Rank 1999*</i>
Housebreaks	101	5	60	4	3
Street Robbery	75	1	49	1	1
Auto Theft	147	3	76	3	2
Larceny from MVs	134	2	71	4	2
Malicious Destruction	131	3	107	5	3

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest